The Gatekeeper

The offical newsletter of the

Barony of Unser Hafen

April 2025

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Baronial Bite

Unto the Populace of Unser Hafen and Friends,

Though Our time as Baron and Baroness is nearing its end, We are still excited about all the activities that are going on. We were well represented at Gulf Wars, a premier SCA event. Our attendees said that it was very exciting, and everyone should try to attend it at least once. Lord Hilarion entered a Subtlety at the annual Kingdom Arts and Science Competition. Our monthly activities are still going strong: Archery, Light and Heavy fighting, Medieval Nights, White Rose Inn, Equestrian, Scribal Night, and our newest one Dance Practice.

We also have several people working on the Investiture Event in May, and Kingdom Coronation in July. Please volunteer your time at these events. Keep checking the calendar for events at home as well as at our other groups nearby and farther away.

Yours In Service,
Freana, Baron
Richenda, Baroness

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Seneschal's Sentiments

Greetings Unser Hafen!

As Spring keeps trying to show her colors, we are looking forward to the next few months.

Unser Hafen Baronial Investiture, stewarded by Master Andreas and Lord Gregor, will take place on May 10th at UNC Greeley. I'm sure they could use some help. Please be sure to contact me if you'd like to offer your time and assistance. I'll be coordinating the volunteers. Look to the appropriate websites for more information on the event.

Due to Old Chicago Pizza closing their doors abruptly, the Barony of Unser Hafen's Monthly Populace Meetings are still virtual. As soon as we get a location, the meetings will be live. I will let you all know asap.

the location will be at UNC Greeley. They will be posting information as it comes along. Please stay tuned!

Upcoming events that might interest Unser Hafen include Feast of the Valkyries in Plattefordham, Spring Crown Tournament hosted by the Shire of Nahrun Kabirun, 50th Grand Outlandish in al-Barran and Sohn Des Turniere un Gurkenschulcht in Caer Galen.

For more information on these or any other events, details are available on the Outlands and Unser Hafen calendars.

The offices of Baronial Quartermaster and Barbican Herald are still available. If you're interested, information about these positions is available on the Unser Hafen website in the "Call for Officers", in the Herald's Call in this newsletter, or ask me or Andreas directly. Please consider volunteering for these positions. Also, if you only want to dip your toe into the pool, many of us are still looking for Deputies!

Until we meet again, I remain yours in service,

Meadhbh

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Herald's Call

Greetings, Unser Hafen!

Unfortunately, Caer Galen changed the day of their social night again, so I need to move my Barbican office hours to compensate: starting this month, they will be the *third* Thursday of the month (the day after the populace meeting). I'm very sorry if this screws up anyone's plans! I am of course always happy to chat heraldry with anyone at (nearly) any time, so please drop me a line if you can't make office hours and want to talk about heraldic topics of any kind.

Finally, I remain in search of a formal deputy and successor. As always, if you are interested in learning about the position, please reach out!

- You don't need to know everything, or even anything, to start out!

- All I ask is that you have an appetite for learning new things

Have a great April!

-- Andreas, Barbican (Acting)

Scribal Notes

April's **Scribal Night Social** will be on the third Monday, April 21st. Bring projects, questions and general enthusiasm to share!

As always, dinner will be available at 6pm and project space/class time at 630 pm. If you would like to partake of dinner and have any food restrictions or allergies, please let Regalis know so she can plan accordingly. Or if you would like to provide dinner, volunteers are always appreciated!

****Scribal Assignments Available!**** As of writing, your friendly local Scribal Office still has several assignments available for Unser Hafen's Investiture on May 10th, 2025. If you would like to volunteer to create a scroll, please contact Regalis at scribe@unserhafen.org or on the Book of Faces as Regalis dei Falchi.

Call for Deputies! The Scribal Office for the Barony of Unser Hafen is in need of Deputies! No artistic skill required for the office. Message Regalis to learn more. You can contact her at scribe@unserhafen.org, via the Book of Faces or Discord, or at any local event.

Scroll Documenting! If you have received an award scroll, or created one, during the reign of Baron Freana and Baroness Richenda, please send photos to scribe@unserhafen.org so we can catalogue them for posterity.

If there is a topic you would love to see covered at future Scribal Nights, please do not hesitate to share! Please email scribe@unserhafen.org with your ideas!

Yours in Service,
Regalis dei Falchi and Galen FitzThomas,
Your Friendly Neighborhood Scribal Team

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Fighter Practice

And A&S Gathering

Sundays
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Dwayne Webster Veterans Park
400-422 W Eisenhower Blvd,
Loveland CO 80537

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Medieval Night

Locust Cidery

First Monday of every month,
6-9 pm at Locust Ciderry,
200 Walnut St, Fort Collins.
Map
Free Admission

Join us the first Monday of each month for dancing,
garb making, arts and crafts,and general merriment.

Garb is encouraged but not required.

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White Rose Inn

The White Rose Inn
On the 2nd Wednesday of every month, the White Rose Inn will open for an evening of warmth and hospitality in Unser Hafen. We are branching out a little this year from food. We may have bardic, crafts, or other topics. See the list below.
No SCA garb is required (unless noted. See June), and you are welcome to bring along food if you don't have time for dinner. We usually have snacks to share.
The Inn will rotate between Fort Collins, Loveland and Greeley.

Wednesday April 9, 2025
The Inn will be at the home of Baroness Richenda and Baron Freana
1232 Lawrence Drive in Fort Collins
Phone (913) 219-3808
Subject: Medieval Easter

Wednesday May 14, 2025
The Inn will be at the home of Countess Rosalind and Master Thorfinn
3601 El Caminito in Loveland
Phone (970) 667-1284
Subject: Cooking with FIRE! Basic outdoor cooking. **Carpool if you can**, parking is tight.

Wednesday June 11, 2025
The Inn will be at the home of Countess Rosalind and Master Thorfinn
3601 El Caminito in Loveland
Phone (970) 667-1284
Subject: Bardic for Battlemoor Come prepare for singing around the campfire. Bring a song, story, or food to share. **Please wear garb to this one and carpool if you can.**

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Call for Submissions

Anyone can write for the Gatekeeper!

Do you have an article or story that you would like to share with the populace? Send it to chronicler@unserhafen.org and it will be reviewed for inclusion in the Gatekeeper.

webminister@unserhafen.org and chronicler@unserhafen.org as well so that it can be posted using all of our communication.

Submissions are due by the 27th of the month (except February, when it is the 24th,) but are accepted at any time.

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SCA Video Conversations

Greetings from Lady Valerie from Unser Hafen! I have a personal request. Would anyone like to have a video conversation with me about your SCA journey and learning endeavors? These would just be an easier, quieter way to get to know other gentles in the Barony. I can't always make it to the events and it would be nice to meet other gentles who I haven't met before. Or have a more in depth conversation with you.

They can be recorded or not recorded, per your preference. Thinking about 45 minutes to an hour in length. I used a Zoom like app called, Streamyard that is browser based. I can manage one to two conversations a month with my other obligations.

I enjoy learning and would like to talk with other learners. If you are interested, please send me an email at val@valerieflynn.com with the Subject "SCA Video Conversations". Looking forward to talking with you soon!

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Media Team

Voices in the Box Project

We'd like to thank Lady Laurel for all her hard work behind the scenes for building our beautiful new website! And all the dedicated webminsters and chroniclers before us who served throughout the years.

If you have bookmarks to the old Wix website, please go to https://unserhafen.outlands.org/ and create new bookmarks for your favorite pages.

With the fresh new website, we'd like to introduce a new endeavor of the Media Team, The Voices in the Box project!

What is it? How can you add your voice?

Voices in the Box is a way for gentles to add their story to the online space, whether it be the history of the barony, a bardic contribution or sharing about what you're learning in A&S.

We can record one person a month using our alchemy powers of the aether. Sorry, no editing on this stage is available. Our magic only can do so much. Editing might be available in the future.

If your video wizardry powers are mightier than ours, you're welcome to record and edit your own video to send to the Social Media Officer to post on our YouTube channel and we'll post it on the website too.

Please remember we can't post your video without a media release form. Details will be on the website. And make sure your materials don't violate copyright laws.

We hope to collect a video archives of the lore and legends of our esteemed barony. Exalt our bards and minstrels and learn something new from each others' SCA journeys.

This is where we put the spotlight on you, our marvelous gentles!

Please reach out to us if you have something to share. Whether it be our barony's history, a bardic delight or a helpful thing you learned about. Even a personal story about getting involved in one of the Barony's activities.

Looking forward to hearing your Voices in the Box!

Yours in service,

Lady Valerie and the Media Team

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Volunteer Opportunities

Get to really know your fellow gentles. Participate instead of just attend. Don't just live the dream. Be one of the ones who make the dream a reality.

Why do we help? Because we care. Because we love the game. Because we know we belong and so do you.

Build your renown, your competence, skills, confidence and make more friends who have the same chivalrous and generous heart as you.

Volunteer opportunities range from Event Stewards, Officers and Deputies, PayPal Check-ins, Event Cooks and staff. There are even some openings in the Media Team.

How do you want to join the team? Let us know! There's room at the table for you too!

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Baronial Goings On

Armoured and Fencing Practice/ A&S Gathering
Sundays,2:00 p.m - 5:00 PM
See Fighter Practice section above for location.
We welcome any and all Arts & Sciences activities, and general SCA socializing!
Updates can be found on the Book of Faces.
Garb is encouraged

Archery Practice
Outdoor Archery practice will start Saturday, April 5th. Time is from 10 am until noon. Our outdoor location is the Windsor Archery Range at HWY 257 & Poudre Trail Road. (Use “Poudre Trail Road and Colorado 257” in your mapping application.)

Find us in the "Unser Hafen Archers" group on Facebook for any short notice changes to the schedule.

Barbican Office Hours
When: The third Thursday of April, the 17th.
Where: Grimm Brothers Brewhouse, 815

Calligraphy &/or Illumination
Contact: Regalis dei Falchi
Email:scribe@unserhafen.org

Craft Day at Aslief's
March 19th, then every first Saturday, April through October.
10 am to 6 pm.
1601 Turkey Walk Trail
Loveland, CO 80537
See website for more information and maps.

Equestrian Practice
Fourth Sunday of every month.
Contact: Lady Cecelia O'Connor
970-420-6652

Scribal Night
Every 3rd Monday at 6:30PM at the home of Lady Regalis dei Falchi, 5318 Ravenswood Lane, Johnstown, CO, (map) or virtually - check the Book of Faces for links to the meetings.

For more information contact scribe@unserhafen.org.

Pursuivant, hosts monthly in-person office hours for anyone interested in any aspect of heraldry to come and speak to him. Interested in researching or submitting your name or heraldry? Want to learn more about heraldic display or what heralds did in period? Want to learn more about what heralds do in the SCA or how the College of Arms works? Interested in becoming a herald? Already a herald and want to practice your conflict-checking, name documentation skills, or OSCAR commentary skills? All these and more are fair game, come on by!

First Saturday of the month at 6:00pm.
High Plains Dice and Games
100 Broadway Street Suite 12
Sterling, CO 80752

Archery Practice
First Sunday of the month, noon to 4 pm.
North Sterling State Park Range
24005 Co Rd 330
Sterling, CO 80751
For more details, contact Shelbybrandes1@gmail.com or Alan.e.brandes@gmail.com.

Visit the Website for more info, directions and any changes to the schedule for any of these activities. .

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Disclaimer

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to try to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

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Upcoming Events

Feast of the Valkyries

Glenrock Meeting House
506 South Forth Street
Glenrock, Wyoming

Event Site

Spring Crown Tournament
Friday, April 11th at 2:00 pm to
Sunday, April 13th at 6:00 pm
Caballo Lake State Park
10 Palomino Road,
Caballo, New Mexico
Map
Event Site

Dragon's Fount of Knowledge
Rescheduled for August 9th.
Event Site

Unser Hafen Baronial Investiture (Tentative)
Saturday, May 10th, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Northern Colorado University Center
2101 10th Avenue,
Greeley, CO 80639
Map
Event Site

50th Grand Outlandish
May 21 @ 12:00 pm – May 26 @ 3:00 pm
Ten Points General Store 10484 NM 337,
Tijeras, New Mexico, United State
Event Site

Sohn Des Turniere um Gurkenschulcht
(Son of the Tournaments at Pickle Gulch)
May 30 @ 4:00 pm – June 1 @ 6:00 pm
Pickle Gulch Campground -
Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forests
Pawnee National Grasslands

Event Site

Summer Coronation (Tentative)
July 19th& 20th
Mistress Kitta and Baroness Safiyya are going to be the Event Stewards. Planning is in progress, and the location will be at UNC Greeley. They will be posting information as it comes along. Please stay tuned!

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Populace Meeting

Virtual Populace Meeting

The third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm
Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/fbz-auqx-iqi
Join by phone: +1 929-282-1162 PIN: 667 226 830#

For questions, contact seneschal@unserhafen.org

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Kingdom Calendar

Please visit
https://www.outlands.org/events
for the most up-to-date information.

Court of Unser Hafen

baron@unserhafen.org

Her Excellency
Baroness Richenda de la Selva
baroness@unserhafen.org

Court Herald - Sir Felix Sniumi
Defender - Lord Primus
Protector - Master Soren Thorvaldsson
Warden - Alain du Chateau
Equerry - Hancarata Aethnen filia Cuneddae
Arts & Sciences Champion - Lady Regalis dei Falchi
Pencerdd Bard - Viðbjǫrn Orðlokarrto
Head of Household - Lady Euphemia de Argyll

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Call for Letters of Intent

Officers & Deputies

Barbican Pursuivant (Unser Hafen Baronial Herald)

Here be proclaimed the call for Letters of Intent for the Office of Barbican Pursuivant (Unser Hafen Baronial Herald)! Are you interested in helping people research and register their names and heraldry? Would you like to learn how to run courts or announce the fighters at tournaments? Are you eager to learn about the history of heraldry? You will receive on-the-job training prior to taking over as Barbican Pursuivant as Andreas transitions to his new role as Palmer Herald, deputy to White Stag Principal Herald.

Quartermaster

Call for Letters of Intent for the Office of Quartermaster, who maintains and tracks equipment and assists Event Stewards with access to the storage unit.

In your letter please include:

- Confirmation that you are indeed interested and desirous of the position.
- Optionally, you can provide a listing of awards you have received.
- Your modern name
- Your society/ SCA name.
- Your postal address.
- Your telephone number.
- Your email address.
- A copy of your membership card or membership number.

Officers must maintain SCA membership for the duration of their tenure.

Please send your letter to the following:

- The Unser Hafen Seneschal, Baroness Meadhbh Daingen int Slébh, via seneschal@unserhafen.org
- The Unser Hafen Baron and Baroness, Freana and Richenda, via baronage@unserhafen.org

Thank you for volunteering to help run our Barony!

More information can be found at: https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/call-for-officers

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Baronial Officers

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President
Baroness Meadhbh Daingen Int Slebhe
seneschal@unserhafen.org

Chancellor of the Exchequer:
Treasurer
Mistress Ursula d\'Arcy
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Barbican Pursuivant Herald:
Assists members with names and devices
Don Andreas von Meißen
(Andrew R. Mizener, Ph.D)
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Scribe:

Knight Marshal:
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Sir Uchtred Leifsson
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Captain of Archers:
Archery Coordinator
Earl Mika Longbow
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Marshal of Fence:
Fencing Coordinator
Don Martin de Cuniga
[Maksym Wilozynski]
fence@unserhafen.org

Equestrian:
Coordinates the organization and safety of equestrian activities.

[Lord Galen FitzThomas}]
scribe@unserhafen.o

Minister of Arts and Sciences:
Development of Arts and Sciences
Countess Kitta Ragnvaldsdottir
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Lady Caillech dhe Silvertongue
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Web Administrators
Maintains the website
Laurel M. & Valerie F.
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Social Media Officer
Manages social media accounts such as Facebook
Lady Dagny Innaldi
socialmedia@unserhafen.org

Chatelaine/ Gold Key:
Public Relations and Welcome Coordinator
Proviides loaner garb for newcomers
Gilbertus de Messina
[Lady Caírech Liath ingen Alpin]
chatelaine@unserhafen.org

Quartermaster:
Coordinates storage, upkeep, and transportation of Baronial property
Looking for a replacement. See Call for Letters
Lord Galen FitzThomas
quartermaster@unserhafen.org

{Deputies are listed in brackets.}

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Awards and Recognitions

Hype your friends!

If it takes work, there's probably an award for it.
Information on how and why to recommend someone for an award and instructions on how to do so is available on the website.
A list of Baronial Awards can be found here.
A list of Kingdom Awards, and awards available from other groups, is available here.

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Wimble Herald

- http://wimble.outlandsheralds.org/index.php

Map to Medieval Night at Gryphon Games and Comics:

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Barony of Unser Hafen website:

- https://unserhafen.org

Barony of Unser Hafen Facebook page:

- https://www.facebook.com/BaronyOfUnserHafen/

Armoured and Fencing Website:

- https://unserhafen.org/rapier-heavy-summer
- Map for Edora Park: https://www.google.com/maps/@40.5648628,-105.0512051,283m/data=!3m1!1e3?entry=ttu

Archery Website:

- https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/archery-summer

Kingdom Calendar:

- https://www.outlands.org/events

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